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CHEROKEE FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION

1. YOUR MOST RECENT CABLE WAS GOOD NEWS. I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT TIME AND A DIFFICULT DECISION.
2. I SHARE YOUR FEELING OF AWKWARDNESS ABOUT DISCUSSING PRIVATE OPPORTUNITIES IN ADVANCE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A RESIGNATION -- I HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM MYSELF. NEVERTHELESS I SEE NO IMPROPRIETY, SO LONG AS YOU AVOID MAKING ANY FIRM COMMITMENT UNTIL AFTER THE RESIGNATION ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE. I DID, INDEED, SUGGEST CONSULTATIONS BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WISH TO ARRANGE YOUR PERSONAL AFFAIRS; I LEAVE IT UP TO YOU WHETHER YOU WISH TO TAKE ME UP ON THE OFFER.

3. I SHARE YOUR JUDGMENT THAT YOU SHOULD REMAIN THROUGH THE ELECTION OR LONGER. WE WILL RECIPROCALLY "APPLY THE SECRET

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FREEZE" TO THE YUGOSLAVS. I HAVE GIVEN ART HARTMAN

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEEING THAT THE FREEZE IS CARRIED OUT
THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING AND THAT BELOVSKY IS INFORMED OF
THE REASONS.

4. FINALLY I HAVE ALSO ASKED HARTMAN TO CALL IN THE

YUGOSLAV CHARGE TO ASK FOR HIS EXPLANATION OF YUGOSLAV
ACCUSATIONS THAT YOU HAVE INTERFERED IN THEIR INTERNAL
AFFAIRS.

5. LET ME ADD THAT BRENT HAS TOLD ME OF YOUR REMARK THAT
YOU FIND MY REFERENCES TO A POSSIBLE FUTURE JOB "DEMEAN-
ING." I THINK, LARRY, IF YOU WILL REVIEW OUR EARLIER
CORRESPONDENCE YOU WILL SEE THAT YOU FIRST RAISED THE
ISSUE WHEN YOU SAID THAT EE WOULD CERTAINLY GET YOU AFTER
NOVEMBER. ALL I WAS TRYING TO DO WAS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT
THAT DECISION WILL NOT BE MADE BY EE.

6. I FERVENTLY HOPE THAT WE CAN NOW PUT OUR SEMI-LEGAL
CORRESPONDENCE BEHIND US AND WORK TOGETHER AMICABLY. I
AM SURE WE CAN AND PROMISE THAT I WILL SUPPORT YOU TO THE
BEST OF MY ABILITY. KISSINGER

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